July 20, 2004

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer U.S. House of Representatives 1705 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hoyer,

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) applauds your leadership in introducing the Full Service Community Schools Act, H.R. 4585. Many League members are working closely with educators to create full service community schools. Your legislation would provide essential incentives and resources to strengthen ongoing work and expand full service community schools across the country.

The Child Welfare League of America is the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization. It has been known and respected as a champion for children since 1920. We are committed to engaging people everywhere in promoting the well being of children, youth and their families and protecting every child from harm. CWLA has almost 1,200 member agencies that serve children, youth, and families across the country.

We look forward to working with you to make this legislation a reality.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO